

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (*Canceled*)

1 Claim 3. (*Currently Amended*) An electronic classified advertising system
2 comprising:
3 a computer useable medium; and
4 a computer device having a processor;
5 wherein said system is
6 wherein said computer useable medium carries thereon classifieds advertising
7 software, which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to carry out steps
8 comprising:
9 providing a multi-tier hierarchical structure with a top level sections menu and lower
10 tier section menus;
11 providing each section menu with a SEARCH ADS link;
12 providing each section menu with a PLACE ADS link;
13 providing each section menu with an EDIT ADS link;
14 providing each section menu with a MY PROFILE link;
15 providing each section menu with a MY CHECKLIST link;
16 providing each section menu with an AUTO NOTIFY link;

17 providing each section menu with a HELP link;

18 providing each section menu with a BROWSE ADS link;

19 providing each section menu with an ADVANCED SEARCH link;

20 providing each section menu with a POWER SEARCH link;

21 publishing a classified advertisement;

22 providing a search engine for plural types of searches including browsing, keyword

23 searches, retrieval of a specific ad by a database identification number, retrieval of all of a

24 particular users ads, retrieval of one particular ad for modification, and full database power

25 searches;

26 searching for classified ads by category and subcategory;

27 posting new classified ads by end users;

28 modifying, renewing, and deleting classified ads by end users;

29 creating, modifying, and deleting a personal search agent to automatically send new

30 classified ads by email that match predefined criteria;

31 establishing advertisement response criteria; and

32 privately and securely responding to electronic classified advertising.

1 Claim 4. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the step

2 of providing each section menu with a SEARCH ADS link, when executed by the processor

3 of the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:

4 searching for classified ads in the system by section (category) and subcategory.

1 *Claim 5. (Previously Presented)* The system according to claim 3, wherein the step
2 of providing each section menu with a PLACE ADS link, when executed by the processor of
3 the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 posting new classified ads to the system.

1 *Claim 6. (Previously Presented)* The system according to claim 3, wherein the step
2 of providing each section menu with a EDIT ADS link, when executed by the processor of
3 the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 modifying, renewing, deleting, or adding or modifying multimedia files to
5 classified ads on the system.

1 *Claim 7. (Previously Presented)* The system according to claim 3, wherein the step
2 of providing each section menu with a MY PROFILE link, when executed by the processor of
3 the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 registering for an account or updating registration information for an account on
5 the system.

1 Claim 8. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the step
2 of providing each section menu with a MY CHECKLIST link, when executed by the processor
3 of the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 displaying all classified ads that have been marked for future recall and viewing
5 by the system.

1 Claim 9. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the step
2 of providing each section menu with an AUTO NOTIFY link, when executed by the processor
3 of the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 creating, modifying, or deleting a personal search agent that automatically sends
5 new classified ads on the system by email that match pre-defined criteria.

1 Claim 10. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a BROWSE ADS link, when executed by the
3 processor of the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 presenting a list of all classified ads on the system.

1 Claim 11. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with an ADVANCED SEARCH link, when executed by
3 the processor of the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 searching for classified ads using keyword searching, Boolean options searching,
5 case-sensitive searching, date-ranging searching, or searching with imagery.

1 Claim 12. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 3, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a POWER SEARCH link, when executed by the
3 processor of the system, further causes the processor to carry out steps comprising:
4 searching for classified ads in the system based on specific criteria and within
5 ranges.

1 Claim 13. (*Currently Amended*) An electronic classified advertising method
2 comprising:
3 providing a computer useable medium carrying thereon classifieds advertising
4 software;
5 providing a computer device having a processor;
6 causing the processor to execute the software and carry out steps comprising:
7 providing an electronic classified advertising system having a multi-tier
8 hierarchical structure with a top level sections menu and lower tier section
9 menus;

10 providing each section menu with a SEARCH ADS link;

11 providing each section menu with a PLACE ADS link;

12 providing each section menu with an EDIT ADS link;

13 providing each section menu with a MY PROFILE link;

14 providing each section menu with a MY CHECKLIST link;

15 providing each section menu with an AUTO NOTIFY link;

16 providing each section menu with a HELP link;

17 providing each section menu with a BROWSE ADS link;

18 providing each section menu with an ADVANCED SEARCH link;

19 providing each section menu with a POWER SEARCH link;

20 publishing a classified advertisement;

21 providing a search engine for plural types of searches including browsing,

22 keyword searches, retrieval of a specific ad by a database identification number, retrieval of

23 all of a particular users ads, retrieval of one particular ad for modification, and full database

24 power searches;

25 searching for classified ads by category and subcategory;

26 posting new classified ads by end users;

27 modifying, renewing, and deleting classified ads by end users;

28 creating, modifying, and deleting a personal search agent to automatically

29 send new classified ads by email that match predefined criteria;

30 establishing advertisement response criteria; and

31 privately and securely responding to electronic classified advertising.

1 Claim 14. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a SEARCH ADS link further carries out steps
3 comprising:
4 searching for classified ads in the system by section (category) and subcategory.

1 Claim 15. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a PLACE ADS link further carries out steps
3 comprising:
4 posting new classified ads to the system.

1 Claim 16. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a EDIT ADS link further carries out steps
3 comprising:
4 modifying, renewing, deleting, or adding or modifying multimedia files to
5 classified ads on the system.

1 Claim 17. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a MY PROFILE link further carries out steps
3 comprising:
4 registering for an account or updating registration information for an account on
5 the system.

1 Claim 18. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a MY CHECKLIST link further carries out steps
3 comprising:

4 displaying all classified ads that have been marked for future recall and viewing
5 by the system.

1 Claim 19. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with an AUTO NOTIFY link further carries out steps
3 comprising:

4 creating, modifying, or deleting a personal search agent that automatically sends
5 new classified ads on the system by email that match pre-defined criteria.

1 Claim 20. (*Previously Presented*) The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a BROWSE ADS link further carries out steps
3 comprising:

4 presenting a list of all classified ads on the system.

1 **Claim 21. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with an ADVANCED SEARCH link further carries out
3 steps comprising:
4 searching for classified ads using keyword searching, Boolean options searching,
5 case-sensitive searching, date-ranging searching, or searching with imagery.

1 **Claim 22. (Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 13, wherein the
2 step of providing each section menu with a POWER SEARCH link further carries out steps
3 comprising:
4 searching for classified ads in the system based on specific criteria and within
5 ranges.